



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015, at 8:45 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

*A free public presentation by Special Education Attorney Dan Perlman
will precede this meeting.*

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of October 22, 2015, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Expanding Extracurricular Opportunities and Access to Community Ed
- B. Department Guidelines or Policy RE: Timely Responses to Parent Communications
- C. Preliminary Budget Items
- D. Proposed Pupil Services Leadership and Structure Changes
- E. 2015 Population Trends Update Published
- F. Basic Rights Workshop Follow Up – An IEP for My Child Workshop in Spring '16
- G. Next Parenting Support Hour December 9th at Acton Memorial Library 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Formerly Parenting Challenging Children)

IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th and 7th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings RE: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process

VI. Adjournment

All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website (www.abspedpac.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

VII. Next Meeting

Holiday party and business meeting Wednesday, December 16th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library